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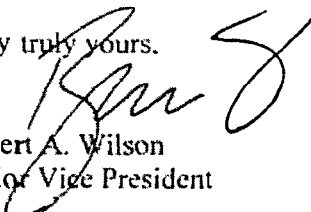
David Foote  
Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company  
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Re: Service Agreement(s) by and between Distrigas of Massachusetts LLC as Seller,  
and Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company as Buyer, known as FLS130.

Distrigas of Massachusetts LLC ("DOMAC"), pursuant to Section 8 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, hereby gives notice of *force majeure* (effective as of 10 A.M. Boston time on September 28, 2001) that renders DOMAC unable to carry out its obligations under the above-referenced service agreement(s) and the applicable rate schedule(s). Specifically, DOMAC received an order, issued on September 26, 2001, from the United States Coast Guard's Captain of the Port with jurisdiction over Boston Harbor barring the entry into Boston Harbor of the LNG tanker Matthew pending satisfaction of certain conditions set forth in the order (including the preparation and approval of comprehensive safety and security plans and analyses). The September 26 order follows a previous Coast Guard order indefinitely delaying the entry into the harbor and preventing the off-loading of the LNG tanker Matthew, which was originally due to deliver its LNG cargo to DOMAC's Everett terminal on or about September 24, 2001. As a result of these and other actions taken by governmental officials over the last several weeks, DOMAC is not able to continue to supply LNG liquid or vapor from its terminal. DOMAC is not in a position to predict when the current governmental restrictions on access by LNG vessels to Boston Harbor will be removed, and, as a consequence, DOMAC cannot predict when it may be able to resume performance under its tariff and service agreements.

DOMAC will advise you at such time as the governmental restrictions are lifted and it is able to resume scheduling deliveries of LNG shipments to re-supply its Everett terminal.

Very truly yours,

  
Robert A. Wilson  
Senior Vice President